(b) if so, what arrangements have been made for studying the data and the main objectives of the study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The United States (US) has acquired data from its TERRA satellite over different parts of the world. The Advanced Space Borne Thermal Emission and reflection Radiometer (ASTER) instrument on board the TERRA is being used to monitor the world's glaciers under the GLIMS (Global Land Ice Management from Space) programme. ASTER data has been acquired by the US for most of the ice and Glacier regions of the world including the Himalayan region. In India, the Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi is a Regional Centre for the GLIMS programme and obtains TERRA/ ASTER data from the US. The data is available to registered research project teams to study the aerial extent of glaciers, location of snow line, velocity fields and location of terminus of glaciers.

Report on Mission to Moon

2053. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national panel of experts looking into various aspect of Mission to Moon has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the report; and

(c) how the mission to moon would help the common man and the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposed mission to moon is expected to provide an impetus to the advancement of science in India and a challenge to technologists. The mission can serve as a test bed for future missions that could be undertaken by India to explore the outer world in the

new millennium, thus providing challenging opportunities to the younger generation scientists of the country. The mission is also expected to result in the development of new technologies that could have various spin-off applications, which could be of direct relevance to the common man.

Completion of Projects

†2054. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the targeted date of the existing projects under implementation which could not be completed during March, 1998 to December, 2001;

(b) if so, the names of the concerned Ministries with which these projects are associated; and

(c) the details of the cost over run of each project due to their non completion within the pre-determined time limit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Out of 184 projects on our monitor scheduled to be completed during 1998-99, 63 projects were completed during the year. Out of 174 projects scheduled to be completed during 1999-2000, 78 projects were completed during the year. Out of 124 projects scheduled to be completed during 2000-01, 65 projects were completed during the year. During the year 2001-02, 153 projects were scheduled to be completed by March, 2002 against which 37 projects have been completed up to December, 2001. The names of all the projects due to be completed during the preceding three years and the current year and those which have been completed may be

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.